

ABAC meeting minutes for September 11, 2006

Board members present were Stephan Miller, Ted Packard, Ron Sender, Scott Smith, and Christopher Tonkin. Others present were Parris Kellerman, Pete Howard, Doug Greenfield, Brian Postlewaite, and Erna Green.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31.

Introductions and Conversations. We had two new attendees so we all introduced ourselves and discussed our interests in bicycling.

Discussion on Town Day. We discussed which questions were asked the most often at our booth. The most popular questions included the topics 1) bicycling to school, 2) plowing the path, 3) commuting information, 4) the need for additional bicycle racks (especially in the Center and the Library), 5) bicycle traffic too fast on the path and 6) signage on the path. We sold a moderate number of books and maps — somewhat less than last year. We realized about halfway through the event that our table was very hard to see so we moved further out into the street. We briefly discussed making our table more visible next year.

Regarding routes to work, Parris told us his difficulties in explaining the best route. Doug suggested a MapQuest type site for bicyclists. We discussed whether this would be possible. Brian suggested a wiki site and Ted told us about Wiki Maps.

Mass. Ave. Corridor redesign. Scott gave us a brief update on what has happened since the last meeting and a brief summary of the project for the new attendees. A second traffic study has indicated only two lanes are necessary except at some of the more busy intersections. The money is finally coming, so the project is getting real. Stephan asked whether phase II will include the redesign of Broadway Plaza; the answer was maybe.

Upcoming events. We talked about the possibilities of attending the Hub on Wheels event to be held in Boston at City Hall Plaza on Sunday, October 1.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Minutes submitted by Stephan Miller.